Lond Mary A. Estlin Ans d Miss Estlin.

Park Street, Bristol. October 28-1844.

My dear Madam

Though my contribution to the Anti-Slavery Fair is but trifling, yet having had the charge of the articles intended for it & the arangement & packing of them, I am induced to take the liberty of addressing you; & to beg that, if it be not troubling you too much, you will let us know what ~~articles~~ sell the best, & what price the most valuable among them fetch, that we may have some guide in furnishing our next box, which we hope will receive more numerous supplies, for many friends on seeing the present collection have expressed their willingness to work against another time. We laid out all the things in our drawing room for three days previous to packing them, & they were inspected by upwards of 120 visitors & much interest has been excited in the object, & many inquiries made respecting it. £8 shillings were collected from them towards the expenses of the carriage which we do not inclose, being ignorant what sum will be required to be paid on this side the water; but the surplus if any shall be transmitted to you by some future opportunity. We have affixed the name & residence of each contributor to the various articles thinking it would be gratifying to you to see the number of friends who are interested in the great cause you have so deeply at heart. I inclose some directions which my Father has written respecting the Printing by Reflection in case you are unacquainted with it. I

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have had scarcely anything to do with the execution of these specimens
tho' my name is attached to them, from my having originally
designed to send them, & from so many friends having lent
their aid that there was no one to whom they could be assigned
My Father has prepared twelve packets of the Hair of Rammo-
hun Roy, but as he does not know how far they will be
considered valuable in America he desires me to say that
if they are not likely to be saleable he would be obliged by
your giving them to Mr S. Hoey of Leicester, who will return
them to him. Here they are much prized. I dont know
how far you are aware that it is owing to the exertions of
Mr James that the box has been prepared & filled. It was
entirely his plan, & he has been most assiduous in his
efforts to obtain contributions for it; his success in this
first attempt will be an encouragement to us to make
increased exertions for another year, & the attention al-
ready excited has been of use in enabling us to give some
account of your proceedings to many who before were
unacquainted with them. 1 Constant enquiries have
been made as to what is done with the money obtained by
means of the Fair, & what class of persons are purchasers?
I dont know how far I was correct in stating in reply that
you employ a portion in sending Missionaries to various
towns & districts to explain & enforce your principles, &,
by awakening attention to ~~the great subject of oppression~~
the sin of Slavery & Prejudice against color, to prepare the
way for some more decided movements, when the time arrives
for maturing & carrying it into effect; & also in printing &

distributing books & newspapers for the same cause.
If you have any little tracts containing an account
of your proceedings & progress which you could spare
us we should be much obliged, for we have frequent
opportunities of making them useful. Mr James was
kind enough to lend us those you sent him, & we showed
them to several friends. "Right & wrong in Boston" & "Jen
Gay's experience" interested us deeply; & "Right & Wrong in
Massachusetts" gave us a much clearer view of the
difficulties you had had to encounter & the causes
& effects of the various divisions that had taken
place in your society, than I had been able to
collect from the annual reports. It must have been
a great trial to you to be deserted by your fellow-laborers
when they could not endure the odium you had to
encounter; & the continued dissentions must now
be a source of much pain to you & discincline many
from advocating the cause openly; but perhaps in this
as in many instances the evil may eventually be
overruled for good. The little book entitled Despotism in
America must, I should think, open the eyes of all
who read it to the impolicy as well as the sin of slavery.
If you have a copy to spare I think it could do good
service here. I do not apologize for asking for it, & for
any facts which throw light on your cause, as I think
they will all tell against another year, & will be the

means of awakening in others the interest in Boys
pathy with your which we feel our selves. We see th
liberator regularly, & in that way keep up pretty well
with your goings on; indeed it does not feel like addressing
a stranger to be writing to one whose words have often warmed
my heart, & whom I long to know & to be permitted to work with. I
the earnest desire to be able to share your labors & difficulties
instead of being an idle spectator & well wisher, is succeeded by
the humbling reflection that till I have become proof against
the minor temptations which assail me here, & can learn in
right spirit all the little difficulties that here have to be
encountered, I should be ill fitted to share in so glorious a
work;— & then comes the cheering reflection that it is
not the amount of what each individually does which is
of consequence, but our each all doing what we can, & that if
we who wait & you who work are faithful to the trusts repos
in us we shall be equally accepted by the Lord of the Vineyard

Believe me to remain dear Madam

Very respectfully yours

Mary A. Estlin.

To Mrs Chapman

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